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1. The Darjeeling Tea Estate Volunteer Corps was established at a secret conference on 17-19 November 1951 under the auspices of the Darjeeling District Committee of the Communist Party of India (CPI), but did not operate openly until December 1951.
2. The following individuals attended the secret conference held on 17-19 November 1951:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>
Somnath Lahiri ¹	West Bengal
Natanlal Brahman ²	Darjeeling
Madan Kumar Thapa	"
Raghubir Gurung	"
Lalbahadur Tamang	Kurseong
Sher Singh Subba	"
Ranbahadur Lama	"
Sonam Wangdi	Kalimpong
Kharga Singh Subba	"
WANG Jhi-tsi	"
LU Lan-chuan ³	"

3. The 300 persons recruited into the Corps so far are known to each other only by a secret password, as no distinguishing uniform is worn. These recruits have been actively engaged in disseminating election propaganda.
4. Underground zonal units of the Volunteer Corps have been organized in Argarah, Kalimpong, Gorubathan, Sukia Pokhari, Gaellikhola, Sonadah, Ambotiya, Pankhabari, Tindharia, Paghyan and Kurseong.
5. The district organizers⁴ of the Volunteer Corps are:

Name	Age	District
Kharga Singh Subba	30	Kalimpong
Haghubir Gurung	29	Darjeelin
Lal Bahadur Tamang	31	Kurseong

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6. LU Lan-chuan is acting as an advisor to the organizers of the Volunteer Corps.⁵

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2.

Comment. The activities of Ratanlal Brahman and the Volunteer Corps in the Kurseong-Siliguri area are reported on

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Comment. LU, a Sino-Tibetan guerilla from Lhasa, has, with the aid of T. C. Liang, lived underground in Kalimpong for the past year.

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Comment. These district organizers were ex-havildars (equivalent to the rank of sergeant) in the Indian National Army.

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Comment. These Volunteer Corps could easily be converted into guerilla forces.

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